

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 6, 14, 18, 26, 30 and 33-38 as shown in the following listing of claims. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1 1. (canceled).

1 2. (canceled).

1 3. (canceled).

1 4. (canceled).

1 5. (canceled).

1 6. (currently amended) A graphic user interface for an electronic device with a
2 display comprising:
3 a global drawing surface on which different graphic elements can be
4 created, said different graphic elements existing on said global drawing surface; and
5 a display-and-control graphic element on said global drawing surface
6 having a local drawing surface on which additional graphic elements can be created,
7 said display-and-control graphic element having a viewable area that can selectively
8 display a portion of said local drawing surface such that some of said local drawing
9 surface is not displayed, said display-and-control graphic element being configured
10 such that said additional graphic elements on said local drawing surface are managed
11 by said display-and-control graphic but exist on said global drawing surface,
12 wherein a first graphic element of said additional graphic elements is
13 displayed in said display-and-control graphic element on the local drawing surface
14 and a second graphic element of said different graphic elements ~~element~~ is displayed
15 outside of said display-and-control graphic element on the global drawing surface,

16 and wherein said second graphic element outside of said display-and-control graphic
17 element has a defined operational relationship with said first graphic element in said
18 display-and-control graphic element such that one of said first and second graphic
19 elements is controlled by the other element of the said first and second graphic
20 elements.

1 7. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 wherein said
2 display-and-control graphic element is configured such that said local drawing
3 surface provides a same operational environment as said global drawing surface.

1 8. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 7 wherein said
2 display-and-control graphic element includes one of a maximize switch and a close
3 switch.

1 9. (canceled).

1 10. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 wherein said first
2 graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element and said second graphic
3 element on said global drawing surface are configured such that said first graphic
4 element is controlled by said second graphic element.

1 11. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 wherein said first
2 graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element and said second graphic
3 element on said global drawing surface are configured such that said second graphic
4 element is controlled by said first graphic element.

1 12. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 wherein said
2 different graphic elements, said additional graphic elements and said display-and-
3 control graphic element can be saved as a log, including relative positions and
4 functional associations of said different graphic elements, said additional graphic
5 elements and said display-and-control graphic element.

1 13. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 further
2 comprising a second display-and-control graphic element on said global drawing
3 surface, said second display-and-control graphic element including a graphic element
4 that is functionally linked with a particular graphic element, said particular graphic
5 element being one of said different graphic elements on said global drawing surface
6 or one of said additional graphic elements in said display-and-control graphic
7 element.

1 14. (currently amended) The graphic user interface of claim 6 further comprising
2 a second display-and-control graphic element on said local drawing surface of said
3 display-and-control graphic element such that said second display-and-control
4 graphic element is located within said display-and-control graphic element, said
5 second display-and-control graphic element including a graphic element that is
6 functionally linked with a particular graphic element, said second display-and-control
7 graphic element having the same characteristics of said display-and-control graphic
8 element, said particular graphic element being one of said different graphic elements
9 on said global drawing surface or one of said additional graphic elements in said
10 display-and-control graphic element.

1 15. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 further
2 comprising a graphic control device on said global drawing surface, said graphic
3 control device being functionally linked with a particular graphic element of said
4 additional graphic elements in said display-and-control graphic element such that a
5 relative layering position of said particular graphic element is controlled by said
6 graphic control device.

1 16. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 further
2 comprising a second display-and-control graphic element associated with a particular
3 graphic element of said different graphic elements, said second display-and-control
4 graphic element being configured to be activated to modify a property of said
5 particular graphic element.

1 17. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 16 wherein said
2 second display-and-control graphic element is one of a set of display-and-control
3 graphic elements, each display-and-control graphic element of said set being
4 configured to be activated to modify a unique property of said particular graphic
5 element.

1 18. (currently amended) A program storage device readable by a machine,
2 tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by said machine to provide
3 a graphic user interface on a display, said graphic user interface comprising:

4 a global drawing surface on which different graphic elements can be
5 created, said different graphic elements existing on said global drawing surface; and

6 a display-and-control graphic element on said global drawing surface
7 having a local drawing surface on which additional graphic elements can be created,
8 said display-and-control graphic element having a viewable area that can selectively
9 display a portion of said local drawing surface such that some of said local drawing
10 surface is not displayed, said display-and-control graphic element being configured
11 such that said additional graphic elements on said local drawing surface are managed
12 by said display-and-control graphic but exist on said global drawing surface,

13 wherein a first graphic element of said additional graphic elements is
14 displayed in said display-and-control graphic element on the local drawing surface
15 and a second graphic element of said different graphic ~~elements~~ element is displayed
16 outside of said display-and-control graphic element on the global drawing surface,
17 and wherein said second graphic element outside of said display-and-control graphic
18 element has a defined operational relationship with said first graphic element in said
19 display-and-control graphic element such that one of said first and second graphic
20 elements is controlled by the other element of the said first and second graphic
21 elements.

1 19. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said
2 display-and-control graphic element is configured such that said local drawing
3 surface provides a same operational environment as said global drawing surface.

1 20. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 19 wherein said
2 display-and-control graphic element includes one of a maximize switch and a close
3 switch.

1 21. (canceled).

1 22. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said
2 first graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element and said second
3 graphic element on said global drawing surface are configured such that said first
4 graphic element is controlled by said second graphic element.

1 23. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said
2 first graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element and said second
3 graphic element on said global drawing surface are configured such that said second
4 graphic element is controlled by said first graphic element.

1 24. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said
2 different graphic elements, said additional graphic elements and said display-and-
3 control graphic element can be saved as a log, including relative positions and
4 functional associations of said different graphic elements, said additional graphic
5 elements and said display-and-control graphic element.

1 25. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said
2 graphic user interface further comprises a second display-and-control graphic element
3 on said global drawing surface, said second display-and-control graphic element
4 including a graphic element that is functionally linked with a particular graphic
5 element, said particular graphic element being one of said different graphic elements
6 on said global drawing surface or one of said additional graphic elements in said
7 display-and-control graphic element.

1 26. (currently amended) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said
2 graphic user interface further comprises a second display-and-control graphic element
3 on said local drawing surface display-and-control graphic element such that said
4 second display-and-control graphic element is located within said display-and-control
5 graphic element, said second display-and-control graphic element having the same
6 characteristics of said display-and-control graphic element, said second display-and-
7 control graphic element including a graphic element that is functionally linked with a
8 particular graphic element, said particular graphic element being one of said different
9 graphic elements on said global drawing surface or one of said additional graphic
10 elements in said display-and-control graphic element.

1 27. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 further
2 comprising a graphic control device on said global drawing surface, said graphic
3 control device being functionally linked with a particular graphic element of said
4 additional graphic elements in said display-and-control graphic element such that a
5 relative layering position of said particular graphic element is controlled by said
6 graphic control device.

1 28. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said
2 graphic user interface further comprises a second display-and-control graphic element
3 associated with a particular graphic element of said different graphic elements, said
4 second display-and-control graphic element being configured to be activated to
5 modify a property of said particular graphic element.

1 29. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 28 wherein said
2 second display-and-control graphic element is one of a set of display-and-control
3 graphic elements, each display-and-control graphic element of said set being
4 configured to be activated to modify a unique property of said particular graphic
5 element.

1 30. (currently amended) A method for providing a computer environment
2 comprising:
3 generating a display-and-control graphic element having a local
4 drawing surface on a global drawing surface, said display-and-control graphic
5 element having a viewable area that can selectively display a portion of said local
6 drawing surface such that some of said local drawing surface is not displayed;
7 creating a first graphic element on said local drawing surface of said
8 display-and-control graphic element such that said first graphic element is managed
9 by said display-and-control graphic but exist on said global drawing surface; and
10 creating a second graphic element on said global drawing surface ~~local~~
11 ~~drawing surface~~ outside of said display-and-control graphic element; and
12 defining an operational relationship between said first graphic element
13 in said display-and-control graphic element and said second graphic element outside
14 of said display-and-control graphic element such that one of said first and second
15 graphic elements is controlled by the other element of said first and second graphic
16 elements.

1 31. (previously presented) The method of claim 30 wherein said display-and-
2 control graphic element is configured such that said local drawing surface provides a
3 same operational environment as said global drawing surface.

1 32. (canceled).

1 33. (currently amended) The method of claim 30 wherein said defining said
2 operational relationship includes defining said operational relationship between said
3 first graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element and said second
4 graphic element outside of said display-and-control graphic element such that said
5 first graphic element is controlled by said second graphic element.

1 34. (currently amended) The method of claim 30 wherein said defining said
2 operational relationship includes defining said operational relationship between said

3 first graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element and said second
4 graphic element outside of said display-and-control graphic element such that said
5 second graphic element is controlled by said first graphic element.

1 35. (currently amended) The method of claim 30 further comprising saving said
2 first graphic element, said second graphic element and said display-and-control
3 graphic element, including relative positions and functional associations of said first
4 graphic element, said second graphic element and said display-and-control graphic
5 element, as a log.

1 36. (currently amended) The method of claim 30 further comprising:
2 generating a second display-and-control graphic element on said
3 global drawing surface, said second display-and-control graphic element having the
4 same characteristics of said display-and-control graphic element;
5 creating a third ~~second~~ graphic element in said second display-and-
6 control graphic element; and
7 functionally linking said first graphic element in said display-and-
8 control graphic element with said third ~~second~~ graphic element in said second
9 display-and-control graphic element.

1 37. (currently amended) The method of claim 30 further comprising:
2 generating a second display-and-control graphic element on said local
3 drawing surface of said display-and-control graphic element such that said second
4 display-and-control graphic element is located within said display-and-control
5 graphic element, said second display-and-control graphic element having the same
6 characteristics of said display-and-control graphic element;
7 creating a third ~~second~~ graphic element in said second display-and-
8 control graphic element; and
9 functionally linking said first graphic element in said display-and-
10 control graphic element with said third ~~second~~ graphic element in said second
11 display-and-control graphic element.

1 38. (currently amended) The method of claim 30 further comprising functionally
2 linking a graphic control device on said global drawing surface with said first graphic
3 element such that a relative layering position of said first graphic element with
4 respect to other graphic elements on said local global surface of said display-and-
5 control graphic element is controlled by said graphic control device.

1 39. (previously presented) The method of claim 30 further comprising generating
2 a second display-and-control graphic element on said global drawing surface that is
3 associated with a particular graphic element on said global drawing surface, said
4 second display-and-control graphic element being configured to be activated to
5 modify a property of said particular graphic element.

1 40. (previously presented) The method of claim 39 wherein said generating of
2 said second display-and-control graphic element includes generating a set of display-
3 and-control graphic elements, each display-and-control graphic element of said set
4 being configured to be activated to modify a unique property of said particular
5 graphic element.